IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
Takanori MATSUO et al.	Group Art Unit: 1644
Application No.: 10/534,486	Examiner: Gerald R. EWOLDT
Filed: May 11, 2005))
For: SCREENING METHOD)) Confirmation No. 7810

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Restriction Requirement mailed January 14, 2008. The prior Restriction Requirement has been vacated, and in this new Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims under the unity of invention practice under PCT Rule 13.1:

Group I: claim 5, allegedly "drawn to a method of screening comprising quantifying protein."

claims 7 and 11, allegedly "drawn to a method of screening Group II:

comprising quantifying protein activity."

Group III: claims 9 and 13-18, allegedly "drawn to a method of screening

comprising quantifying gene expression."

Group IV: claim 6, allegedly "drawn to a kit comprising a cell and an antibody."

claims 6, 12, and 19, allegedly "drawn to a kit comprising a cell and a Group V:

polynucleotide."

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Group VI: claim 6, allegedly "drawn to a kit comprising a cell and a transcription

factor."

Group VII: claim 8, allegedly "drawn to a kit comprising a protein, a

polynucleotide, and a transcription factor."

Group VIII: claim 10, allegedly "drawn to a kit comprising a cell, a protein, and a

polynucleotide."

Group IX: claims 20-22, 34, and 35, allegedly "drawn to a therapeutic method

comprising administering an antibody."

Group X: claims 23-25, allegedly "drawn to a therapeutic method comprising

administering a polynucleotide."

Group XI: claims 26-28, allegedly "drawn to a diagnostic method employing an

antibody."

Group XII: claim's 29-31, allegedly "drawn to a diagnostic method employing a

polynucleotide."

See Office Action at pages 2-3.

Applicants elect Group III, claims 9 and 13-18, without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the nonelected claims in one or more divisional applications.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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